

Sevier County

FACTS



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Population

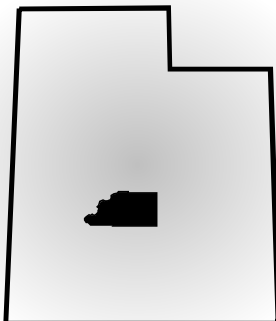
As of July 1st	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Population	19,415	19,649	19,984	20,442	20,619
% Change of the Prior Year	0.5%	1.2%	1.7%	2.3%	0.9%

Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee. <http://governor.utah.gov/dea/datatables.html>

City Population

As of July 1st	2007
Annabella	646
Aurora	943
Elsinore	737
Glenwood	434
Joseph	271
Koosharem	289
Monroe	1,834
Redmond	801
Richfield	7,119
Salina	2,392
Sigurd	428

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.
<http://www.census.gov/popest/cities>



Labor Force

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007p
Labor Force	8,798	9,228	9,087	9,357	9,620
Employed	8,288	8,750	8,679	9,060	9,351
Unemployed	510	478	408	297	269
Rate	5.8%	5.2%	4.5%	3.2%	2.8%
Nonfarm Jobs	7,160	7,570	7,550	7,854	8,096
%Chng Prior Year	-2.1%	5.7%	-0.3%	4.0%	3.1%
Mining	390	397	421	489	508
Construction	358	392	382	414	406
Manufacturing	507	458	453	467	479
Trade/Trans/Utilities	2,142	2,414	2,349	2,517	2,597
Information	70	84	76	80	80
Financial Activities	177	184	176	175	203
Profess/Business Svcs	279	300	327	324	377
Ed/Health/Social Svcs	732	726	749	723	743
Leisure/Hospitality	795	862	875	880	908
Other Services	159	156	158	170	173
Government	1,551	1,596	1,584	1,615	1,622
Agriculture*	88	92	74	74	63
Total Establishments	581	597	609	649	624
Total Wages (\$Millions)	166.5	171.7	187.0	210.1	NA

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Information.
<http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoLaborforce.do> <http://jobs.utah.gov/jsp/wi/utalmis/gotoIndustry.do>
 * Jobs covered by unemployment insurance laws; not included in nofarm jobs total.

Sevier County is located in the heart of Utah—home to petroglyphs and the Big Rock Candy Mountain. The county has seemed to have broken into a new, higher level of economic activity in recent years.
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Sevier County

—Slower growth in 2007

New and old discoveries of natural resources, a prime location on Interstate 80, its status as a regional shopping center, and an expanding population base helped fuel Sevier County's expansion in 2006. However, as in many areas, gains stepped back a notch in 2007. In particular, employment expansion measured less than 3 percent. That's moderate expansion, but recent activity suggests it may trend even lower.

Population

With roughly 20,400 citizens living within its borders, Sevier County seems to be getting more populated every day. True, population growth has not been as rapid as for the state as a whole—2.3 percent in 2007 compared to 3.2 percent statewide. However, the expansion has measured stronger in the last several years as the county continued to avoid the net out-migration that plagued it between 2002 and 2004.

Currently, more people are moving into the county than are moving out. And, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, most of the growth is occurring in Richfield itself.

The Labor Market

Job growth is the best indicator of local area growth. Employment numbers indicate Sevier County has been on a wild economic ride during the past several years, bouncing from job losses in 2003, to a 6-percent gain in 2004, to job losses again in 2005. During 2006, the county managed to bounce back to a moderate level of economic growth—roughly 4 percent.

But expansion proved somewhat slower in 2007—only 2.6 percent. The county created many of the 200 new positions in trade/transportation/utilities (particularly retail trade) and professional/business services. However, most major industries showed employment increases. Only the construction industry lost positions. However, this 8-percent building-sector decline put a major drag on total growth.

As with most of Utah's counties, unemployment in Sevier County has dropped to record-low levels—only 2.8 percent in 2007.

Wages

When it came to wages, Sevier County workers certainly benefited from new higher-paying jobs and a tight labor market in 2006—the county's average monthly wage increased over 8 percent. While 2007 registered a smaller 4-percent increase, it improved enough to more than keep up with inflation.

As in many rural counties, wages in Sevier County tend to measure below state averages. With an average monthly wage of \$2,326, the average Sevier County worker makes 76 percent of the state average wage. Plus, Sevier County ranks in the bottom third of Utah counties.

By far, Sevier County's best paying industry is mining. Manufacturing, financial activities, professional/business services, and government also pay higher-than-average wages.

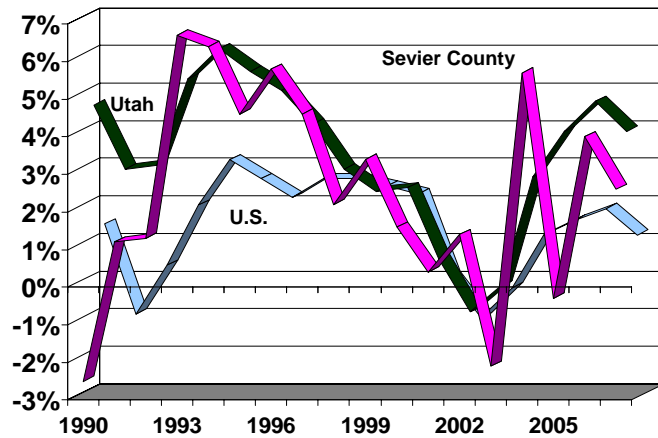
Other Indicators

While residential building ebbed somewhat during 2007, permitted values remained historically high. In addition, 2007 saw a huge surge in commercial building permits (particularly in lodging and retail trade). Overall, permitted values increased by 29 percent. On the other hand, gross taxable sales remained virtually flat.

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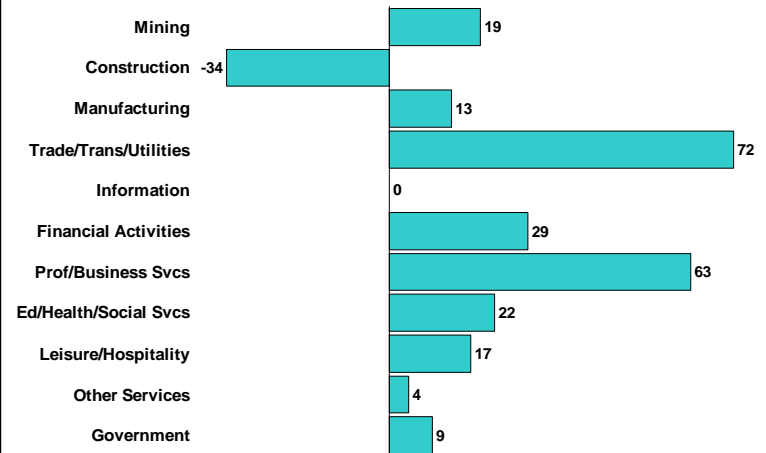
So far in 2008, employment expansion has dawdled even more. Between March 2007 and March 2008, Sevier County's nonfarm employment base grew by only 1.4 percent—just more than 110 jobs. On the construction front, Sevier County followed the nationwide trend with a 58-percent decrease in permit values for the first five months of 2008.

Nonfarm Job Growth



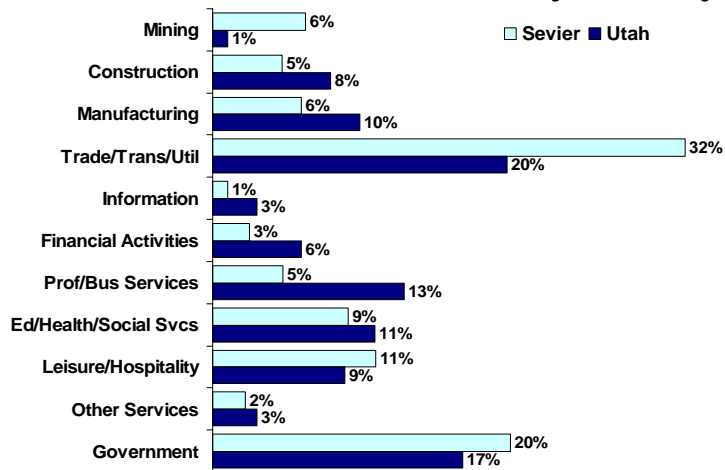
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

2007 Sevier County Numeric Change in Jobs by Industry



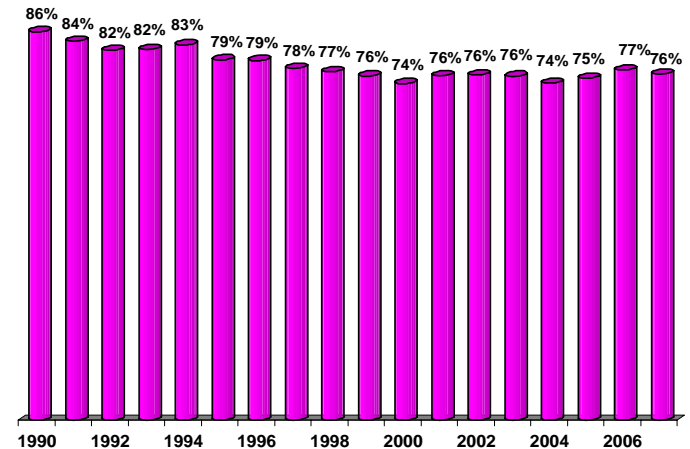
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2007 Nonfarm Job Distribution by Industry*



*Does not include covered agriculture.
Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Sevier County Average Monthly Wage as a Percent of State



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Income and Wages

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007p
Total Personal Income (\$Millions)	356.1	376.8	406.8	438.9	NA
Per Capita Income	18,775	19,711	21,348	22,699	NA
Median Household Income Estimates	37,614	39,160	38,447	40,057	45,415
Average Monthly Nonfarm Wage	1,938	1,964	2,064	2,230	2,326

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Census Bureau, Utah Department of Workforce Services.

<http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis/>

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saife/>

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Sales and Building

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008p
Gross Taxable Sales (\$000s)	252,351	288,089	365,055	371,678	NA
Permit Authorized Construction (\$000)	27,343	29,111	40,778	52,647	31,095
New Residential Building Permits	115	120	152	133	119
Residential Build Permits Value (\$000)	15,478	20,355	27,200	23,929	16,667

Source: Utah Tax Commission and University of Utah Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

<http://tax.utah.gov/esu/income>

<http://www.business.utah.edu/bebr/>

Demographics

	2000
Under 18	34.5%
65 years and over	12.9%
Median Age	30.3
Persons per Household	3.03
Persons per Family	3.44
Female-Headed Families	9.7%
High School Graduates	85.8%
College Graduates	15.2%
Labor Force	
Female Participation	50.7%
Male Participation	70.6%
Self-Employed	9.4%
Commute Time (minutes)	17.6
Median Family Income	\$40,110
Median Earnings	
Male, full-time, year-rnd	\$32,632
Female, full-time, yr-rnd	\$19,228
Persons Below Poverty	10.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

Largest Employers

Sevier County School District
 Canyon Fuels Company (SUFCO)
 Barney Trucking
 Wal-Mart
 Sevier Valley Hospital
 Federal Government
 State of Utah
 Sevier County
 Robinson Transport
 Richfield City
 US Gypsum
 Snow College South
 Sorensons Ranch School
 Hales Sand and Gravel
 Six County Association of Governments
 Moroni Fee
 Richfield Care Center
 Lin's Supermarket

Source: Utah Dept. of Workforce Services.

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Other

Population by Race	2000
White	94.2%
Black	0.3%
American Indian	1.8%
Asian	0.3%
Pacific Islanders	0.0%
Other	0.8%
Hispanic/All Races	2.6%

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